

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Action dated January 20, 2004. The claim amendments included herein are merely clarifying amendments and are not meant to change the intended scope of the claims. Thus, the amendments present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal, and they should be entered in due course. Moreover, the amendments are manifest, requiring only a cursory review by the Examiner, thereby providing additional ground for their entry.

Claims 1-11 were pending in the application. In the Final Action, claims 1-11 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended. Claims 1-11 thus remain for consideration.

Applicants submit that claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

§103 Rejections

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams et al. (US Patent No. 5,977,964) in further view of Wugofski et al. (US 2003/0056216 A1).

Applicants submit that the independent claims (claims 1, 6 and 11) are patentable over Williams and Wugofski.

Applicants' invention as recited in the independent claims is directed toward a system and method for receiving headline information related to an information. The claims specify that the headline information is searched according to user preference information. The claims further

specify that “the results of searching based on said user preference information are stored so that they can be recalled in response to a command initiated by said user,” and that “said user preference information includes a plurality of registration patterns corresponding to respective search criteria, and the results of searching based on said user preference information correspond to respective registration patterns.”

Neither Williams nor Wugofski disclose searching headline information based on user preference information that includes a multiple of registration patterns corresponding to respective search criteria, and then storing the search results corresponding to the respective registration patterns so that the results can be recalled in response to a command initiated by the user. Accordingly, Applicants believe that claims 1, 6 and 11 are patentable over Williams and Wugofski – taken either alone or in combination – on at least this basis

Claims 2-5 depend on claim 1. Since claim 1 is believed to be patentable over the cited references, claims 2-5 are believed to be patentable over the cited references on the basis of their dependency on claim 1.

Claims 7-10 depend on claim 6. Since claim 6 is believed to be patentable over the cited references, claims 7-10 are believed to be patentable over the cited references on the basis of their dependency on claim 6.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the Applicants' undersigned attorney and, in the event that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference providing the basis for a contrary view.


If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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